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Kevin William WEEKS) Art Unit: unknown
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For: *Method of Crushing a Tube*)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 9-13 as follows:

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- 9. A tube formed according to the method of claim 1.
 - 10. A tube formed according to the method of claim 2.
 - 11. A tube formed according to the method of claim 3.
 - 12. A tube formed according to the method of claim 4.
 - 13. A tube formed according to the method of claim 5.--